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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY, JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Subject: Intelligence Terminology, definitions of

References: a. Chief of Naval Intelligence Memo for JIC and DCI subject as above dated 9 January, 1947

1. In reference a the Chief of Naval Intelligence made certain recommendations for a joint undertaking by the JCS agencies and CIG in the preparation of a professional dictionary of intelligence terms to be standardized for all federal intelligence agencies.

2. In its interdepartmental relations, as well as in internal procedures, the Central Intelligence Group has encountered numerous instances of uncertainty in the use of various intelligence terms, and on several occasions differences in usage have caused misunderstandings which have adversely affected negotiations with the IAS agencies.

3. For some time CIG has been engaged in assembling those terms which appear to require clarification, and in some cases has established definitions to which the IAS agencies have been requested to adhere in order to prevent possible misunderstanding in interdepartmental coordination plans and directives. It is therefore obvious that the inclusion of intelligence terms in the "Joint Dictionary of Terms for Army-Navy Use" will provide a potential source of confusion unless the definitions are first integrated with usages currently prevailing in the Central Intelligence Group. Many months ago the CIG recommended certain revisions to intelligence terms considered for inclusion in the Joint Dictionary, but since that time it appears that several additional terms have been added without CIG consideration.

4. It is therefore strongly advocated that the recommendations of the Chief of Naval Intelligence be accepted, and all intelligence terms be withdrawn from the Joint Dictionary pending completion of a professional dictionary of intelligence terms by joint JIC-CIG action. Upon completion of the intelligence dictionary, such terms appearing therein desired for inclusion in the "Joint Dictionary of Terms for

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Army-Navy Use" can then be incorporated. If it is felt that this procedure will unduly delay publication of the Joint Dictionary, the only acceptable alternative would be permanently to withdraw from it all intelligence terms which are of uncertain application.

5. If the JIC approves a joint undertaking with CIG for preparation of an intelligence dictionary, the CIG will take steps to procure the services of a trained and qualified lexicographer as recommended by the Chief of Naval Intelligence.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:


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